



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: Consular Wardens

Date: August 1, 2006

FROM: ACS Unit

SUBJECT: Violence in Haiti near Border Crossing – Security Announcement

Following is a Warden's Message being transmitted for your information. Please circulate this to your constituents.

***HAITIAN BORDER CROSSING NEAR JIMANI OFF-LIMITS DUE
TO GANG ACTIVITY***

American citizens are advised that the American Embassy in Port-Au-Prince has declared the Malpasse/Jimani crossing on the Haitian-Dominican border to be off-limits to mission personnel. The border post and its immediate surroundings on the Haitian side have been the scene of violent gang and other criminal activity over the past several days. Gangs have attacked vehicles with rocks and it is reported that some vehicles have been fired upon. While this border post remains open at the present time for non-commercial traffic, Americans are strongly urged to avoid the Malpasse area in Haiti until such time as the authorities are able to restore peaceful and orderly border crossing operations. No violence has been reported on the Dominican side of the border.

Due to the current security situation in Haiti, the Department of State reminds U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Haiti to remain vigilant with regard to their personal security; they are strongly advised to register either online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/> or with the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince. The Consular Section can be reached at (509) 223-7011, fax number (509) 223-9665, or e-mail address acspap@state.gov. Travelers should also consult the Department of State's latest Consular Information Sheet for Haiti and Worldwide Caution Public Announcement at <http://travel.state.gov>. American citizens may also obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States or Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from overseas. In Haiti citizens can call (509) 222-0200, ext. 2000. Americans living or traveling in the Dominican Republic are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. American citizens who have previously registered with the U.S. Embassy do not need to register again.

For updated information on the security situation in the Dominican Republic, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.

Updated information on travel in Santo Domingo may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. For further information please consult the Consular Information Sheet for Santo Domingo, which is available via the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>.